

Mr. Carnahan: Mr. Speaker, last month the American people demanded change from Washington and in January they are going to get it.

Over the last couple of years the American people have grown increasingly disillusioned with a government that was not working for them. It is time that Washington stop listening exclusively to the elite special interests and start listening to the people who send us here.

That is why the Democrats want to repeal billions of dollars in tax breaks for Big Oil companies to instead invest in new energy technologies. Rather than handouts to Big Oil, we should be working to make America energy independent. The inclusive Democratic agenda starts us down that path.

Our agenda also looks out for American seniors over the interests of drug companies. There is simply no reason why our government should not negotiate for lower prices. The government already negotiates on behalf of our veterans and they are now enjoying 42 percent savings on their drugs.

Democrats and Republicans have heard the loud voices of Americans. Their voices should be echoed in this people's House by every member of the new Congress.